

Mayor and Cabinet			
Report title	Comments of the Housing Select Committee on a borough-wide selective licensing scheme.		
Contributors	Housing Select Committee	Item No.	
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Housing Select Committee, arising from discussions held at its meeting on Wednesday 6 March 2019.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views of the committee as set out in section three of this referral.

3. Housing Select Committee views

- 3.1 At its meeting on 6 March 2019, the Housing Select Committee received a report and presentation from officers on the work being undertaken to develop an application for a borough-wide selective licening scheme to submit to the Secretary of State in November 2019. Following discussion, the committee resolved to refer its views to Mayor and Cabinet in the following terms:

Having considered a comprehensive officer report and presentation on the development of an evidence base to support an application for a borough-wide selective licensing scheme, the Housing Select Committee expresses its strong support for the submission to the Secretary of State for approval to implement such a scheme. The committee notes the increasing number of families and individuals relying on the private rented sector to provide a home, and the evidence showing the links between the private rented sector and crime and anti-social behaviour, and expresses its support for the scheme's aims of tackling rogue landlords, improving standards in the sector, and improving security, stability and decency for residents in private rented accommodation. The committee also notes and praises officers for the extensive data analysis carried out to develop an informed evidence base to support the application to the Secretary of State.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to make recommendations to the Executive or appropriate committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process.

6. Further Implications

- 6.1 At this stage there are no specific environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider.

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